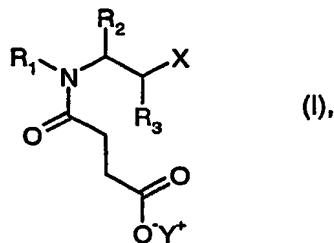


What is claimed is:

1. A composition comprising

a) At least one compound of formula



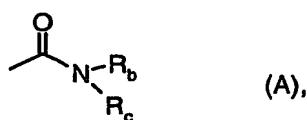
Wherein

R₁ is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₂₂alkyl, C₂-C₂₂alkyl substituted by hydroxy, C₂-C₂₂alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -O-C(=O)- or by -NR_a-C(=O)-, C₃-C₂₂alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, -NR_a-, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)-NR_a-, wherein R_a denotes hydrogen or C₁-C₂₂alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl and isobornyl;

R₂ and R₃ are hydrogen, or one of R₂ and R₃ is hydrogen and the other is methyl; and

X is carboxy or carboxylate and Y⁺ is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; or

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C₁-C₂₂alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy-C₂-C₂₂alkyl, carboxy esterified by C₂-C₂₂alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)-NR_a-, carboxy esterified by C₃-C₂₂alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, -NR_a-, -O-C(=O)- or by -NR_a-C(=O)-, wherein R_a denotes hydrogen or C₁-C₂₂alkyl, carboxy esterified by phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, isobornyl, and carbamoyl of the partial formula



Wherein R_b and R_c are each independently of the other hydrogen, C_1 - C_{22} alkyl or 2-hydroxyethyl, or R_b and R_c together are C_2 - C_8 alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkenylene, C_2 - C_8 alkadienylene or C_2 - C_8 alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkenylene or C_2 - C_8 alkadienylene interrupted by -O- or by -NR_a-, with R_a being as defined; and

Y^+ is a hydrogen ion or is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

2. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, C_2 - C_{22} alkyl substituted by hydroxy, C_2 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -O-C(=O)- or by -NR_a-C(=O)-, C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, -NR_a-, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)-NR_a-, wherein R_a denotes hydrogen or C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, and isobornyl;

R_2 and R_3 are hydrogen, or one of R_2 and R_3 is hydrogen and the other is methyl;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy- C_2 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by C_2 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)-NR_a-, carboxy esterified by C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, -NR_a-, -O-C(=O)- or by -NR_a-C(=O)-, wherein R_a denotes hydrogen or C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, isobornyl, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A), wherein R_b and R_c are each independently of the other hydrogen, C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, or 2-hydroxyethyl, or R_b and R_c together are C_2 - C_8 alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkenylene, C_2 - C_8 alkadienylene or C_2 - C_8 alkylene, C_2 - C_8 alkenylene or C_2 - C_8 alkadienylene interrupted by -O- or by -NR_a-, with R_a being as defined; and

Y^+ is a hydrogen ion or is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

3. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, C_2 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-C(=O)-$ or by $-O-C(=O)-$, C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-O-$, $-S-$ or by $-C(=O)-O-$, phenyl and benzyl;

R_2 and R_3 are hydrogen;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy- C_2 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by C_2 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-C(=O)-$ or by $-C(=O)-O-$, carboxy esterified by C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-O-$, $-S-$ or by $-O-C(=O)-$, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A) defined as heterocyclcarbonyl; and

Y^+ is a hydrogen ion, ammonium, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)₁₋₄ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

4. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-O-$, phenyl, and benzyl;

R_2 and R_3 are hydrogen;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C_1 - C_{22} alkyl, carboxy esterified by C_3 - C_{22} alkyl interrupted by $-O-$, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A) defined as piperidinocarbonyl, piperazinylcarbonyl or morpholinocarbonyl; and

Y^+ is a hydrogen ion, ammonium, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)₁₋₄ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

5. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R_1 is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_{18} alkyl, C_3 - C_{18} alkyl interrupted by $-O-$, phenyl and benzyl;

R_2 and R_3 are hydrogen;

X is carboxy and Y is ammonium, $(C_1$ - C_4 alkyl)₁₋₄ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄ammonium; or

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X is carboxylate or derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C₁-C₁₈alkyl, carboxy esterified by C₃-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by -O-, and morpholinocarbamoyl; and

Y is hydrogen, ammonium, (C₁-C₄alkyl)₁₋₄ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄-ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

6. A composition according to claim 1, comprising
 - b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity which is used for hydraulic or metal-working fluids, greases, gear oils or engine oils.
7. A concentrate comprising at least one compound (I) wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, X and Y are as defined in claim 1.
8. A method of improving the use properties of lubricants, which comprises adding to the lubricants at least one composition according to claim 1.